

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claim rejections set forth in the Office Action dated May 2, 2006.

Summary

Claims 1, 9 – 11, and 16 – 17 are amended. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

Claims 20 - 22 were added.

Claims Rejections

Claim 16 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshii et al. (JP 2002-022913; "Yoshii"). Claim 17 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Yoshii in view of Kano et al. (US Publication No. 2004/0012726; "Kano"). Claims 1, 5, 13 & 14 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshii in view of Onishi et al. (US Patent No. 6,434,815; "Onishi"). Claim 4 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshii in view of Onishi as discussed above, and further in view of Shiao et al. (US Publication No. 2005/0270473; "Shiao").

Claim 1 recites a reflector comprising, *inter alia*, an embossed layer and an embossed base. According to Claim 1, the embossed base is separable from the embossed layer. Claims 16 and 17 have been amended to depend from Claim 1.

Neither Onishi, Shiao, Yoshii, nor Kano teach or suggest an embossed base is separable from an embossed layer. Since the cited references, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest each and every element of amended Claim 1, Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references.

Dependent Claims 4 – 5, 13 – 14, and 16 – 17 depend from an allowable base claim, so are allowable for at least the same reasons.

New Claims

Claims 20 – 22 have been added. Claim 20 depends from an allowable base claim, so is allowable for at least this reason. Support for independent Claim 21 can be found on page 35 in lines 11 – 25 of the application. Claim 21 recites, *inter alia*, the

plurality of recesses is formed by pressing a roll having an irregular surface onto the embossed layer and rotating the roll to transfer the irregular shape of the roll to the embossed layer. The recited prior art fails to disclose at least this feature of Claim 21. Accordingly, Claim 21 is allowable over the cited prior art.

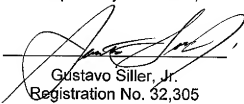
Claim 22 recites a method for forming a reflector. Claim 22 recites, *inter alia*, pressing a roll having an irregular surface onto the embossed layer and rotating the roll to transfer the irregular shape of the roll to the embossed layer. The cited prior art fails to disclose each and every feature of Claim 22. Accordingly, Claim 22 is allowable over the cited art.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons presented above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

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